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Try to stick to one question per reporter. Feel free to jump in and keep it moving.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 4:51 PM, Smith, Paula <[Smith.Paula@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Paula@epa.gov)> wrote:

Important that we relate how many EPA people (all three regions) are deployed and engaged on this effort-boots on the ground and back at our EOC.

Total we have approximately over 30 EPA employees and contractors in the field and over 20 EPA staff engaged in the EOC in Denver.

Here's the data:

**Region 8 has 10 EPA staff deployed on site, unknown # of contractors and at least 20 engaged full-time in the Denver EOC.**

### **Region 9 Staffing**

Farmington

Two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) are deploying to Farmington on Sunday. The CICs will plan to meet with local Navajo Chapter officials and prepare to host public meetings in the coming days. The CICs will partner with NNEPA and NN Department of Public Safety to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters.

1 R9 OSC arriving Monday, 2 more arriving Wednesday

## Durango

1 OSC is in the Durango Incident Command Post to coordinate Navajo field activity updates and results with Region 8. Preparing the R9/R6 incident action plan and staffing the IMT.

The Region has also deployed a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango.

## Region 6

### EPA Region 6 Summary – Sunday, August 9

In New Mexico, EPA has a team of two federal on-scene coordinators, two water quality experts and ten technicians and contractors responding to the spill as it reaches communities in the state. Yesterday, EPA collected water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. Each of these locations will continue to monitor as the spill makes its way past these areas. In the San Juan River, the spill is moving at about 2.5 miles per hour and as of 3 pm yesterday it had reached Nenahnezad, NM, approximately 9 miles west of Farmington. EPA's Mobile Command Post will arrive in Farmington later today.

**- Paula**